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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Lyndeboro' qualified to vote in town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said town on the ninth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3rd. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray town charges the ensuing year.

4th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.

5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to what the law requires.

6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Decoration Day or act anything thereon.

7th. To see if the town will vote to buy a hearse or act anything thereon.

8th. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine or act anything thereon.

9th. To hear and act upon the report of the Superintending School Committee, Overseer of the Poor, Treasurer and Selectmen.

10th. Is it expedient to call a convention to revise the Constitution?

Given under our hand and seal this 20th day of Feb., 1886.

CHARLES L. PERHAM.
DAVID G. DICKEY.
ANDY HOLT.
Selectmen of Lyndeboro'.

ATTEST—A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT.

CHARLES L. PERHAM.
DAVID G. DICKEY.
ANDY HOLT.
Selectmen of Lyndeboro'.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, March 1st, 1885,	$1304 68
Received State Saving Bank tax,	354 60
" railroad tax,	48 33
" State literary fund interest,	98 21
" " bounty ou woodchucks,	34 80
" interest on Cram fund,	24 00
" town literary fund,	55 53
" On note payable to C. F. Tarbell,	3000 00
" " " " " " " "	200 00
" " " " " " " Karr,	300 00
" " " " " N. T. McIntire,	100 00
" " " " " I. L. Duncklee,	300 00
" " " of Joel H. Tarbell,	105 00
" " " " Luther Cram,	500 00
" for rent of Town Hall,	2 00
from town of Milford,	2 50
" of E. A. Danforth on collection in full of 1884,	722 11
" " " " " tax interest of 1884.	9 00
" " " " " on his collection of 1885,	4095 00
" " " " " for resident highway tax, 1884,	30 79
	$11286 55

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	$588 00	
County tax	428 06	
		$1016 06

School district No. 1,	$135 89	
" " " 2,	112 15	
" " " 3,	281 06	
" " " 4,	77 24	
" " " 5,	77 80	
" " " 6,	125 74	
" " " 7,	105 85	
" " " 8,	73 25	
" " " 9,	65 89	
" " " 10.	30 10	
School house tax No. 4,	10 04	
" " No. 5,	25 28	
" " No. 6,	125 68	
		$1245 97

Town bonds,	$5000 00	
Interest on town bonds,	167 73	
Souhegan Bank, note and interest,	622 60	
C. F. Tarbell, " "	205 00	
" " on note,	1500 00	
Edward L. Bragg, interest,	72 00	
N. T. McIntire, note and interest,	103 83	
" " for support of poor,	61 80	
		$7732 96

BREAKING ROADS, 1884-5.

Paid W. P. Holt,	$6 15	
John E. Batchelder,	20 45	
Charles H. Senter,	5 70	
Mark E. Morse,	8 88	
John C. Ordway,	8 68	
Benj. J. Boutwell,	12 75	
Aaron W. Russell,	2 48	
Moses C. Fuller,	4 95	
Emery Holt,	4 34	
James H. Karr,	5 17	
Dana B. Sargent,	3 45	
Jotham Hildreth,	5 48	
Edward E. Weston,	6 70	
Jacob A. Woodward,	1 35	
George Rose,	1 50	
Wilkes H. Hadley,	4 25	
Fred A. Richardson,	4 20	
Rufus Chamberlin	67	
		$107 15

EXTRA REPAIRS ON HIGHWAY.

Paid Philip Putnam, labor on road,	$3 00
Daniel G. Dickey, labor on new road,	19 50
Jotham S. Stephenson, labor on road,	2 38
S. N. Hartshorn, " "	1 05
J. A. Woodward, " "	11 25
Charles H. Senter, " "	6 00
Asher Curtis, " "	8 50
Kilburn S. Curtis,	21 59

Charles L. Avery,	2 27	
Andy Holt, wall on Forest road,	23 00	
		$98 54

ABATEMENTS.

On E. A. Danforth's list of 1884,	$12 38	
Charles H. Holt, over tax,	1 16	
Frank Gardner, "	1 21	
Wm. Duncklee, "	1 08	
		$15 83

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Everett E. Lowe, selectmen,	$63 00	
Charles L. Perham, "	63 00	
Levi P. Hadley "	60 00	
Jacob A. Woodward, S. S. Committee,	65 00	
C. F. Tarbell, town clerk,	20 00	
N. T. McIntire, treasurer,	25 00	
" " overseer of poor,	10 00	
Edgar A. Danforth, tax collector,	70 00	
John H. Goodrich, supervisor,	3 00	
Benj. G. Herrick, "	3 00	
Benj. J. Boutwell, auditor 1884-5,	2 00	
		$384 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Invoice books and stationery,	$9 10	
A. D. Cram, running road machine,	62 00	
Working non-resident highway tax,	108 65	

Post Harvey Holt,	25 00
Recording and returning births and deaths,	6 55
Willis Perham, watering trough,	1 00
John H. Goodrich, " "	3 00
David G. Dickey, guideboards,	1 00
Frank E. Cummings, damage on highway,	15 00
Nathaniel T. McIntire, bridge plank,	7 38
John H. Goodrich, work on cemetery,	2 00
Bounty on woodchucks,	34 80
Kilburn S. Curtis, damage on highway in 1884,	2 50
Fred A. Fuller, damage to sheep by dogs in 1884,	6 00
Repairs on road machine,	5 65
J. Blanchard, damage to sheep by dogs,	11 00
N. Richardson, " "	24 00
Andy Holt, " "	4 00
F. A. Curtis " "	4 00
Fred A. Richardson, care of town house,	5 00
O. C. Moore, printing town reports,	22 00
Rufus Chamberlin, sexton,	5 50
Wm. B. Raymond, "	3 00
	$368 13

DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Notes with interest to March 1*st*, 1886:

Note Charles F. Tarbell,	$1633 50
Edward L. Bragg,	600 00
Isaac L. Duncklee,	313 75
C. F. Karr,	313 75

Levi Spalding,	234 60	
Ann Farnsworth,	192 99	
		$3288 59

Due Edgar A. Danforth, on completing his collection of 1885,	$70 00	
Charles L. Perham, selectmen,	50 00	
David G. Dickey, "	52 00	
Andy Holt, "	47 00	
N. T. McIntire, treasurer,	25 00	
" " overseer of the poor,	15 00	
Edgar A. Danforth, town clerk,	20 00	
Due School district No. 4,	1 05	
" " 7,	14 24	
" " 8,	18 28	
Orders drawn and not paid,	19 74	
		$332 31

AVAILABLE MEANS.

Note of B. G. Herrick,	$58 22	
Lois Holt,	227 40	
Luther Cram,	72 11	
George E. Spalding,	758 43	
Interest on town literary fund;	12 00	
E. A. Danforth, on collection of 1885,	634 61	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	317 91	
		$2080 68

AMOUNT OF TOWN DEBT.

Total amount of town debt,	$3620 90	
Amount due from collector and others,	2080 88	
Town debt, less available means, March 1st, 1885,	3429 22	
Town debt, less available means, March 1st, 1886,	1540 22	
Town debt decreased in the year ending March 1st, 1886,	1889 00	
Whole amount received,		$11,280 55
Whole amount paid out,		$10,968 64

Submitted March 1st, 1886.

CHARLES L. PERHAM,
DAVID G. DICKEY,
ANDY HOLT,
Selectmen of Lyndeborough.

N. T. McINTIRE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing reports and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJ. J. BOUTWELL, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Received of the County,		$222 50
Paid for board of Sarah S. Fish,	$78 00	
for board of L. Herrick,	78 00	
for supplies for Mary Raymond,	14 50	
Dr. Hatch, medical attendance and care,	14 50	
" " " on Celia Knott,	3 75	
Dr. Hatch, medical attendance on Gratia Bishop,	13 75	
Dr. Fluman, attendance on Peter Fey,	13 50	
Dr. Babbitt, for attendance on Thomas Claffey,	6 50	
		$222 50

Paid for support of Ida M. Boutwell and child,	$15 00
Ida M. Boutwell on deposit,	145 00

Submitted March 1st, 1886.

N. T. McINTIRE,
Overseer of the Poor.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJ. J. BOUTWELL, *Auditor.*

MORTUARY RECORD FOR 1885-6.

		YEARS.	MOS.	DAYS.
February 8.	Mrs. Lucy Batchelder	44	5	
March 24,	William N. Ryerson,	52	9	
April 13,	Mrs. Hannah F. Hartshorn,	88		23
" 19,	Mrs. Mary S. Cram,	79	7	
June 20,	Jesse Simonds,	75	6	
August 10,	Josiah M. Parker,	79	10	22
Dec. 8,	Benjamin B. Ames,	73	10	25
Jan. 18,	Herman Wright,	77		7
Feb. 25,	John H. Farnham,	20	10	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the year ending 1885-6.

Appropriation of school money, raised by town tax $480.-50; State literary fund $91.28; town literary fund $43.50; Israel Cram fund, $24.00; dog tax, $105.50; total $1068.78. Aggregate number of weeks of school 181. Whole number of pupils registered, boys, 83; girls, 71; total 154; cost per pupil $6 94.*

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.

In a conscientious report of our schools, it is difficult to do exact justice to the teachers, where the measure of success was not what was hoped. There are many conditions to be taken in consideration. We believe all the teachers this year have endeavored to do the best they could in their schools. We have seen no evidence that any tried to shirk. But in some cases there was a lack of thorough training, and in one or two instances an inaptitude to the calling. There were thirteen females and one male teacher employed in town the past year. The same number as the year before. Four of these reside in town Eleven had had more or less experience in teaching. Misses Hadley and Burton are untir-

*See table.

ing in their efforts to interest and advance their pupils and gave abundant satisfaction in the respective districts where they taught. They are the only teachers who taught in town the year previous. Misses Holt, Fisher, Farnum, and Mr. Carpenter were without experience in teaching. They taught good schools and proved valuable additions to the ranks. The school under Mrs. Swinnington's care appeared well at the examination, but from her remarks in the register we judge the term was not a pleasant one. The summer term in Dist., No. 6, was not what we could wish, and the same may be said of the winter term in Dist., No. 8, though we believe it was throngh no fault of the teacher. Misses Hodkin, Shattuck, Duncklee and Langdell had quiet orderly schools, and the pupils made satisfactory progress under their charge. At the time this report goes to press, the school in Dist., No. 3, has not closed. Miss Fletcher was at some disadvantage in the first weeks of this school following a teacher very much liked by parents and pupils, and while the closing days have not been quite so entertaining, we think substantial advance has been made. It would seem that some change should be made in this school, so that the older scholars might study some of the higher branches. It is out of the question to allow them in the school as it is at present.

TEXT BOOKS.

It was the purpose of your committee to make some changes in text books the past year, but in view of the recent change in the school laws, it might be better to postpone action until another year. There is now much more uniformity in books used than ever before still there is room for improvement. Some of the teachers are in the habit of taking some of the time to explain many of the more prominent objects of interest in the world, both natural and artificial, or introducing the subjects in connection with some study, to make

that study entertaining and incidentaly showing that general knowledge outside of text books is a very fine qualification in a teacher. Of the making of school books there is no end, and as far as books go the path of the scholar is made as smooth as possible.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school house in Dist., No. 6 has been thoroughly refitted the past year. New desks substituted for the old benches, and new teachers' desk and chairs. A very pleasant schoolroom now. Cost about $140.00. Although some repairs have been made by the districts the past year, one or two school houses are still too well ventilated to be comfortable in a cold winter day.

In view of possible changes in the schools next year, it was our intention to include in this report, for purposes of comparison, some statistics of the schools of years past. But upon visiting the town clerk's office we found that very few of the selectmen and superintending school committees reports had been saved, and that many of the school registers are missing. It seems as though these reports and summaries should be filed with the other records of the town, for reference.

Whatever "statute law" shall regulate our schools, let us hope that the "unwritten law" of charity, fairness, and liberality will ever be our guide in this town.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WOODWARD.

Supt. School Committee.

No. District.	Prudential Committee	Teachers.	Weeks kept.	Date of closing.	Wages per month.	Appropriat'n.	Pupils. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average attendance.	Roll of Honor	Visits. Pru. Com.	Supt. Com.	Others.
1	David G. Dickey.	Mabel Hadley.	8	June 19	$24 00	$135 89	9	5	14	12 82	3	0	2	28
		" "	11	Dec 30	28 00		12	5	17	16 29	5	1	2	22
2	Andy Holt.	Clintie Duncklee.	9	June 26	20 00	109 49	3	4	7	6	1	0	2	13
		Flora M. Holt.	12	Jan. 7	20 00		8	5	13	12	0	0	2	18
3	Lorenze P. Jenson.	Eva Fletcher.	8	June 19	36 00	272 83	16	26	42	38	7	2	2	53
		" "	10	Nov 30	36 00		16	26	42	31	6	1	2	
		" "	12	* *	*									
4	C. H. Senter.	Emma Fisher.	8	July 10	14 00	78 29	5	5	10	6	2	1	2	19
		" "	12	Dec.	15 00		4	5	9	7	1	2	2	24
5	Azro D. Cram.	J. Clara Burton.	6	June 9	20 00	77 80	3	7	10	9 25	5	0	2	13
		" "	8	Nov. 10	20 00		6	9	15	10 59	1	0	2	20
6	E. E. Lowe.	Emma R. Holt.	7	May 22	12 00	125 74	10	5	15	13 50	5	1	2	20
		C. L. Carpenter.	9	Jan. 13	43 00		12	4	16	15	4	2	2	39
7	Asher Curtis.	Flora M. Holt.	8	June 26	17 00	110 67	5	7	12	11	4	0	2	21
		S. Kate Swinnington	9	Jan. 8	24 00		5	5	10	10	2	0	2	6
8	M. T. Spaulding.	Jennie E. Shattuck.	5	July 10	23 00	61 63	1	1	2	1 32	0	0	2	3
		Louie Richardson.	7	Nov. 6	23 00		3	2	5	4 62	1	0	3	5
9	Albert H. Emery.	Eunice Hodkin.	7	June 19	20 00	65 89	4	2	6	5 84	3	1	2	19
		" "	8	Oct. 30	19 00		6	4	10	7 68	3	1	2	20
10	Alvin Avery.	C. M. Farnum.	8	July 3	20 00	30 10	4	0	4	3	2	1	1	18
		A. F. Langdell.	9	Dec 11	18 00		4	0	4	4	2	4	2	11

* School not closed.